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1. NAME GLENDENING, Foster J.SERIAL No. 2844930RANK Pvt.ORGANIZATION Co.B, 353rd Inf.GRAVE LOCATION St. Mihiel American Cty, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.#1233

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

142Sec.43

GRAVE

--ROW--

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION #8 German Cemetery St. Benoit

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT. Cty 1428COORDINATES Commercy 52 ME 241.44 N 362.03 ECONCENTRATED TO 4/22/19142Sec.4 v3

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

St. Mihiel American Cemetery1203

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

Tag on body

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 1, 1918STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Kansas

Data form 1-A ADALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I.H. Coffee. 1st Lt. MC.3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 17, 1922 25 13 Block B

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT Davis,

Major General,

The Adjutant General,

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt

CEMETERY

NOV 6 - 1925

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AUDITED BY



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Clendinning 28449307049
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co B. 3532nd
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

10/3/18
DATE OF BURIAL.....

St Benoit, Cemetery
PLACE OF BURIAL.....

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

West of Chateau
.....

Thian court map 1:50000
.....

Coordinate 245-357
.....

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GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? ☒

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

yes
Was one buried with body?.....

yes
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?.....

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY: *Thos B. Garry*
.....

Clendinning 3532nd
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

From
353 Reg Pers. Off



Division Personnel

Co. B, 353rd Inf.
89th Division

Clendenning,
~~Clendenning~~, Foster J. - Pvt. 2844930

Killed in action Oct. 1, 1918.

Pvt. F. J. Clendenning was killed on Oct. 2nd (not 1st) by the shock of explosion of a big H. E. shell, as he lay in his funk-hole. I think he was in no way wounded or injured. I at once went out and saw his body.

He is buried in the cemetery of the church in St. Benoit.
He was in every way a fine soldier and a good man.

Informant:

Signed: Francis Leigh,
Capt. 353rd Inf.
Comdg "B" Co.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Clendenning</i>	C L E	3	325
BURIED <i>Foster</i>	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 25	2	25
	ROW 13	2	13
	BLOCK 03	1	2
STATE	Kansas	2	18
RANK	Pnt	1	2
DIVISION	89	2	89
ORGANIZATION	353	3	353
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME <i>Clendenning</i>	C L E	3	325
<i>Mrs Kate</i>	STATE Kans	2	18
	COUNTY Bourbon	2	06
	CITY Fulton	3	X
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/EAB	no		2

Audited
DEC 15 1931
at

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Clendening, Foster J. (STM)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Kate Clendening,
RFD 2, Box 57,
Fulton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Clendening, Foster J. (SM)

August 21, 1932.

Mrs. Kate Clendening,
RFD #2, Box 57,
Fulton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Foster J. Clendening, during the summer of 1933.

It is deeply regretted that, due to your physical condition, you are unable to accept the offer of the Government at this time. It is hoped, however, that your health will improve and that you will be able to visit your son's grave before the conclusion of the pilgrimages next year.

In the event you later reconsider and desire to make the pilgrimage next summer, it is requested that you notify this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Clendening, Foster J. (STM)

July 12, 1932

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Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

No (Unable)
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Kate Clendening

QM 293 A-M
Clendenning, Foster J. (STM)

December 30, 1931

Mrs. Kate Clendenning,
R. F. D. #2, Box #57,
Fulton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Foster J. Clendenning.

It is noted you stated you were unable to make the pilgrimage because of poor health. In this connection you are advised that properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and needs and medical attention and nurses will be available. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given mothers and widows enroute to New York City. During the past two years a number of women who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you later decide to make the pilgrimage next summer, it is requested that you so notify this office, in order that arrangements may be made for you. Should you decide to visit your son's grave you are assured that the trip will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Clendening, Foster J. Pvt 1233 M

October 13, 1930 ✓

Mrs. Kate Clendening
R F D #2, Box 57
Fulton, Kansas

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

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Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, C. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Dear Sir, I have written you before I am not able to make pilgrimage. Thanking you again I remain yours Truly Mrs Kate Clendening

Fulton Kans
June 18th - 29

Mr John T. Harris
Dear Sir:

My son was
not married but I thank
you for your kind offer
for me to make a
pilgrimage to visit
my dear boys grave
but I am not able, as
I very seldom go any
where as it is hard for
me to walk Thanking
you again

Yours Respectly
Mrs Kate Clendinning
Fulton Kans
Rfd # 2 Box 57.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Glendening, Foster J.

May 31, 1929.

Mrs. Kate Glendening,
R.F.D. #2, Box 57,
Fulton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the
Private Foster J. Glendening, Co. B, 353rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M
Clendening, Foster J. (StM)

August 11, 1932.

Mrs. Kate Clendening,
RFD #2, Box 57,
Fulton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Foster J. Clendening, during the summer of 1933.

It is deeply regretted that, due to your physical condition, you are unable to accept the offer of the Government at this time. It is hoped, however, that your health will improve and that you will be able to visit your son's grave before the conclusion of the pilgrimages next year.

In the event you later reconsider and desire to make the pilgrimage next summer, it is requested that you notify this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Clendening, Foster J. (STM)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Kate Clendening,
RFD 2, Box 57,
Fulton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

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In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Clendenning, Foster J. (STM)

December 30, 1931

Mrs. Kate Clendenning,
R. F. D. #2, Box #57,
Fulton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Foster J. Clendenning.

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It is noted you stated you were unable to make the pilgrimage because of poor health. In this connection you are advised that properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and needs and medical attention and nurses will be available. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given mothers and widows enroute to New York City. During the past two years a number of women who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

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For The Quartermaster General.

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Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M
Glendening, Foster J. Pvt 1233 M

October 13, 1930

Mrs. Kate Glendening
R F D #2, Box 57
Fulton, Kansas

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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For The Quartermaster General:

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Clendening, Foster J. - 1233 M

Mrs. Kate Clendening,
RFD #2, Box 57,
Fulton, Kans.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Glendening, Foster J. 1233 M.

Mrs. Kate Glendening,
R.F.D. #2, Box 57,
Fulton, Kans.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Glendening, Foster J.

May 31, 1929.

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Foster J

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(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt.

Co B 353rd Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father and Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you
wish them interred in a national cemetery?yes
(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Kate Clendening
Linton Tenn

(Number and street or rural route.)

2 (City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

We are undecided about our loved one. We want him if you bring all the soldiers to the U.S. or bury them finaly over there in a national cemetery. We think he would be better cared and shown more respect in a soldier's grave. Of course we would prefer to have him buried in our home graveyard, but if all the soldiers are put in one cemetery, we would prefer to have him with his comrades, and what or how would we know for sure that it was his remains. We think it will be better to put him in a national cemetery.

(Mother) Mrs. Kate Clendenning

From letter Aug. 19, 1919--Ref. 293.8

*to be checked
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*Drawn by Mrs. J. J.
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2-2-21*

GLENDENING, Foster J., Pvt.

March 3, 1924

Mr. John Clendenning,
R.R.#2, Box 57,
Fulton, Kansas.

Dear Sir: The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.
R. L. FOSTER

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O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



MAR 3 1924
B. O. C.

Date 2nd., June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

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Remains of:

Name: CLENDENING, Foster JNumber: 2844930Rank: UnknOrganization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

22nd, April, 1919Grave # 8 Ge ra M. Cty. ST. BENOIT, MEUSE.Map 52 N. W. E. 357.3 N 245.1

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

22nd, April, 1919.Grave # 142 Section # 4 Plot # 3ST. MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY # 1233THIAUCOURT M. et M.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

Burial good. Body buried in Uniform and covered with Blanket.Body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Davis.R. R. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. U.S.A.C.O. Group Unit

Date 2nd, June, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Number: 2844930

Name: CLEMMING, Foster J

Organization: Union

Rank: Union

Unit

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

From: (Give complete location)

Disinterred (Date)

Grave # 8 Ge 1st M. City. ST. BENOIT, MICHIGAN

2nd, April, 1919

Map 22 N. W. E. 337.3 N 245.1

in: (Give complete location)

Reburied (Date)

Grave # 142 Section # A Plot # 3

2nd, April, 1919

ST. MICHAEL AMERICAN CEMETERY # 1233

THIAUCOURT M. of M.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

Burial good. Body buried in uniform and covered with blanket.

Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

Notes:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918. After being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Davis

G.O. Group Unit

GHD.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #33218

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CLENDENING, Foster J. Ser. No. 2844930

(b) Rank Private. Organization Co.B, 353rd Inf.

(c) Date of death 10/1/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK

CKR. 31

II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 142 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. 4 TYP. EK

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Kate Clendenning (mother) RFD #2, Fulton, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. 31

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt --

(a) Name Mrs Kate Clendenning (b) Relationship Parents

(c) Address RR 2 - Fulton - Kan

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at --

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. --

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. --

Examiner's Initials MKS

Date 2-2-21

, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

Kate Clendenning
Fulton - Kan, dated 8-19-19

confirming request in Par. IV., item 2, above, or requesting that ask memo

of identification.

Examiner's Initials MBS

Date 2-2-21

, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes S.M.

Examiner's Initials S.M.

Date 2-2-

, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 1233

SHEET No. 630

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

{ cable on _____, 1920
letter on **FEB 18 1921**, 1920

MAR 4 1921

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

RECEIVED
AUG 17 1921

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*7-120-4/19/21 - Kate Clevidence
mother (father 2/15 - same address)
P. R. # 2 Fulton Kansas - fears in
Europe. H 7/19/21, ecm.*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 17, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

jw.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CLENDENING, Foster J.

10. Name

2. No. 2844930

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. B, 353rd Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10/1/18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 142 Sec. 4

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None18. Cemetery St. Mihiel American19. Commune or town Thiaucourt20. Dept. or County M-et-M.21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 123323. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 17, 1922By A.W. Taggart

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CLENDENING, Foster J.Serial No. 2844930Rank Pvt.Organization Co. B, 353rd Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? NoSignature W.N. Tucker

Jr. Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

No evidence found to disprove identity27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug. 17, 1922 By A.W. Taggart31. Casket sealed by A.W. Taggart

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

A.W. TaggartAUDITED BY
152 10-18-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-29548**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Foster J. CLENDENING** Serial No. **2844930**

R nk **Pvt.** Organization **Co.B, 353rd Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **St.Mihiel American Cty #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Aug.17, 1922** By **A.W.Taggart**

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

J.J.Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Aug.17, 1922**

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery **St.Mihiel Amer.1233, Thiaucourt, France.**

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

J.J.Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **August 17th 1922.**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **25** Section

43. ~~PLOT XX~~ Block B Row **13**

G.R.S. Representative

A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

Place **Thi Court France****REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**Date **August 17 1922.**1. REMAINS OF **CLENDENING Foster J**SERIAL NUMBER **2844930**RANK **Pvt**ORGANIZATION **Co B 353 Inf**

2. Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location):

August 17, 1922 Gr. 142 Sec 4 Pl 3 Cem 1233By : Group **2**Unit **1**

3. Reburied (date)

August 17th 1922.

In (give complete location):

Grave 25, Row 13, Block B, Cem. 1233.By : Group **Reburial**

Unit

Casket & Shipping Case.
Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :

wooden box and uniform badly decomposed features**unrecognizable**5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **no**On grave marker? **no**

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :

no evidence found to disprove identity.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) **imp to det.**(b) Weight (estimated) **-do****-do**

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

-do

Characteristics

-do

(d) Hair on face—Color

-do

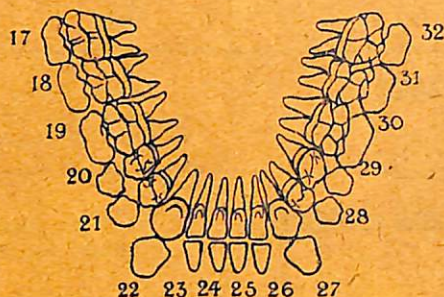
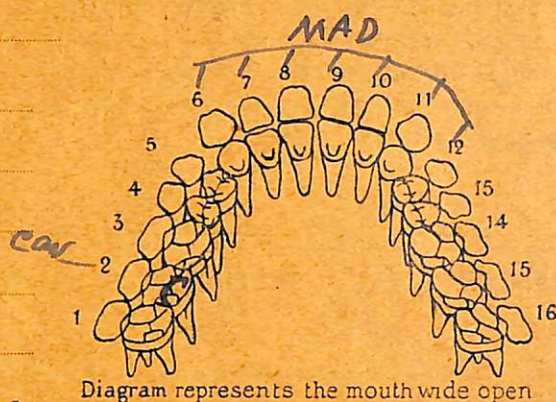
Location

-do

Quantity

-do(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,
or missing parts) **none visible****missing after death 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 23****cavity 2**

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

none visible wnt7. Disinterment
supervised by**A W Taggart**

Approved :

J J Powers

(Title)

1st Lieut OMC

8. Reburial

supervised by

H.L. KRAMER,

Approved :

A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. OMC.

(Title)

concentration

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #33216

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name.. **CLENDENING, Foster J.** Ser. No. **2844930**

TYP. **EK** *BA*

(b) Rank.. **Private** Organization **Co. B, 353rd Inf.**
Cause of

(c) Date of death **10/1/18** death **K/A**

II. REGISTRATION CARD.-(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.):

(a) Grave No **142** ... Row Flot. **3** ... Sect. **4** TP. **EK**

(b) Emerg. Address **Mrs. Kate Clendening (mother) RFD #2, Fulton, Kans.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases **CKR** *BA*

IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
(letter of transmittal on 192
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..... **Par. 2 Not to be returned.** *EW*

MAR 1- 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship
and Source and name Desires Action taken

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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY
G.R.S. FORM 115-A
August , 1920

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S/666/LML **France**

1233

630

PRIORITY 104

FEB 28 1921 *KL*

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

CLENDENING

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

PLACE OF BURIAL

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

If name unknown and tags missing, description and mark should be given here:

CMME. ST BENOIT-ED-WOEVR
(C-188) SHT 52 NW COORD E 357 N 24.5

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

188-991

Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

1. GRS Form 1, Hq. GRS. File
2. Soldier's No. 284430
Clendening Foster J. 33218
3. Surname First and initials
Pvt. 355 Inf.
4. Rank Co. Regt. or Corps
K in A
5. Date of death Cause
German cemetery
6. Date of burial Cemetery
In St. Benoit Meuse
7. Town or commune Department
8. Grave No. Plot Row 1
8. Grave No. Plot No. or letter.
9. Peg # " Cross " Board Bottle
10. With body " On grave marker"
11. If name unknown and tags missin
give marks and description
Map 52NW 245.1N 357.25E
12. Map reference if interment is
outside of cemetery
13. Name of chaplain or burial
officer
Signed Chas C. Imhof, Sgt.
Group 2, Unit 301, GRS.

Com. C-188. #. B. inoit-en-Woelre (Meuse).

Sketch # 1. (see Sketch # 2 B. eney).

August 12th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Mrs. Kate Clendenning,
RR 2,
Fulton, Kansas.

Re:- Clendenning, Foster J., Pvt.,
Serial No. 2844930,
Co.B., 353rd Inf.

Dear Madam:-

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #120, April 19th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

MAILED
AUG 16 1921
COR BR. D. E. S.
BY:

F.C. PALLAS, *mkf*
Executive Assistant.

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August 13th, 1921.

File No. 238.8 Gen.Div.Gov.Hr.

Mrs. Kate Clondening,

Br 2,

Palton, Kansas.

Re:-- Clondening, Foster J., 1915.
Serial No. 284450,
Co. B., 888th Inf.

Dear Madam:--

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #150, April 12th, 1921, request-
ing that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left
in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been
forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster
General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish
you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon
as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to render the previous explanation
of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. BEAUMONT,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

P. O. WILLIAMS,
Executive Assistant.

MAILED
AUG 18 1921
COR BR 2

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AUG 17 1921
G. H. S.

RECEIVED

AUG 17 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

APR 9 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Kate Clendenning, RR 2, Fulton, Kansas

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Foster J. Clendenning, Ser No. 2844930 Co B 353 Inf

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named Foster

Clendenning soldier remain in Europe per his father

mother request it for we think his remains

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest next of kin may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

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Was soldier married? no single

	NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<u>none was single</u>	<u>RR 2 box 57</u>	<u>Fulton</u>	<u>Kans</u>
Soldier's children.				
(Name oldest first.)	1			
	2			
	3			
Father	<u>John Clendenning</u>	<u>RR 2 box 57</u>	<u>Fulton</u>	<u>Kans</u>
Mother	<u>Kate Clendenning</u>	<u>RR 2 -- 57</u>	<u>Fulton</u>	<u>Kans</u>
Brothers.				
(Name oldest first.)	1			
	2			
	3			
Sisters.				
(Name oldest first.)	1			
	2			
	3			

Date April-19-1921

Signature Kate Clendenning

Address Fulton Kansas

Relationship mother

Address

Relationship

April 19, 1921

Date

Signature

I, the undersigned, am the mother and and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to

(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. yes

Signature

Kate & John Clendenen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

his father can not write so I have to do all
writing Kate Clendenen

Drawn by mps

1233 - 630

2-2-21

checked 2-2-21 JMB

Tulton Kansas
August 19-1919

Adjutant General Sir
we are undecided about
our loved one we want
him if you bring all
the soldiers to the U.S.
~~at~~ bury them finally
over there in a National
Cemetery we think he
would be better cared
and shown more respect
in a soldiers grave-
of course we would
prefer to had him
buried in our home
grave yard but if all
the soldiers are put in
one cemetery we would
prefer to have him

3218

A.G.O. 293.8

CLEMENDING, FOSTER J.

with his comrades
and what ^{how} would
we know for sure
that it was his
remains we think
it will be better to
put him in a
national cemetery
would have answered
sooner but were so
undecided excuse delay
oh we are grieved
so about our loss
for he was our
youngest boy and the
baby a grand and
noble boy oh how we
miss him heart alone
can tell, he was so
loyal to his country
his heart broken
Mother Kate Clemending

File
J 8-27-19

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A.G.O. 295.8

CLINDENING, FOSTER J.

File
8-27-19

293.8 (Clendening, Foster J.) DRD
Burial Records Section, 7th & B Sts.

EJ

SUBJECT

August 27, 1919.

Mrs. Kate Clendening,
Fulton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:-

Referring to your letter of August 19th relative to the final disposition of the remains of your son, Foster J. Clendening, I beg leave to advise you that it is the intention of the Department to return the bodies in such cases where the relatives so desire. Many of the bodies will remain in France and when permitted by the French laws there will undoubtedly be an assembling into fewer burial places of which there are now 1193, and a beautiful site for this purpose, upon the slope of Mont Valerien, overlooking the Bois de Boulogne, the valley of the Seine and the town of Suresnes, has already been ceded by the French Government.

The card signed by you pertaining to this matter has been placed on file in this office for reference.

Every precaution has been taken to safeguard the identity of our deceased soldiers. One identification tag is buried with the body and the other is attached to the marker of the grave.

I take this opportunity to express to you the deep and sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss sustained in the death of your son, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.

Very respectfully,

P. C. Harris.

The Adjutant General

Per

File
8-27-19

NUMBER..... DATE.....

DATE.....

PERSON _____ PLACE _____

PLACE

SUBJECT

DATES ON WHICH THIS FILE IS CHARGED OUT

CLENDENING, FOSTER J.